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Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—"I want to know what part the Government of Madras have had in making this appointment and what they have done ?"

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—"The Madras Government is to advise the India Government. I am not in a position to disclose the exact nature of that advice as it is confidential."

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—"Has the Madras Government advised the Government of India to appoint an Indian ?"

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—"All that is contained in the despatch is confidential."

Grievances of nurses in the General Hospital, Madras.

* 185 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty : With reference to question No. 1843, answered on 30th March 1928, regarding grievances of the nurses in the General Hospital, Madras, will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have examined the points raised in the statement of Mr. Fenner Brockway ; and

(*b*) whether they have taken any action in the matter ?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) A statement [a] showing the action taken is laid on the table.

Public Health

Consideration of the five-year programme of rural water-supply by the Kurnool District Board.

* 186 Q.—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have considered the five-year programme of rural water-supply submitted last year by the District Board of Kurnool ; and

(*b*) what steps they propose to take or have already taken to carry out that programme ?

A.—(*a*) A 3 years (not 5 years) programme for improvement of water-supply in rural areas was called for in 1927 from every district board with a view to ensure that the grants given by the Government for the improvement of rural water-supply are spent in a systematic manner. The Kurnool District Board has submitted a programme accordingly for 1927–28, 1928–29 and 1929–30.

(*b*) Each local board must carry out its own programme, but Government grants are made with reference to the amounts ear-marked for the improvement of water-supply in such programmes.

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—"May I know from the hon. the Minister for Public Health whether the Government have granted a sum sufficient to carry out a year's programme out of the three years programme submitted to them by the President of the District Board ?"

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—"Notice, Mr. President."

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a Printed as Appendix II on page 411 infra.